

## House Resolution No. 3912

**Whereas**, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives continue to marvel at how contemporary medical practices are able to extend the lives of so many citizens of this state and nation; and

**Whereas**, Maxine Fink, a resident of Union, Missouri, is to be commended for having donated a kidney to her husband, Bob Fink, twenty years ago on June 26, 1984; and

**Whereas**, two celebrations were held in honor of the twentieth anniversary of the transplant, the first was a surprise party hosted by Bob and Maxine Fink's sons, Bill and Mike, and their families; and

**Whereas**, on June 25, 2004, Bob and Maxine Fink were the guests of honor at a celebration hosted by Barnes-Jewish Hospital, where the transplant took place; and

**Whereas**, Bob Fink is the longest survivor in the St. Louis area who received a kidney transplant from a living donor who was not a blood relative; and

**Whereas**, Bob Fink's operation was only the second transplant of its kind at Barnes-Jewish Hospital at that time; and

**Whereas**, diagnosed with kidney disease twenty years ago, Bob Fink was undergoing dialysis treatments when he was told by his doctor that his heart had been weakened by the treatment and he only had three months to live if he continued dialysis; and

**Whereas**, originally eliminated because of a kidney stone, Maxine Fink was retested in the spring of 1984 and was accepted as a donor despite her kidney stone which Bob passed thirteen years after his surgery; and

**Whereas**, during their fifty-three years together, Bob and Maxine Fink have been blessed with the love and support of a wonderful family whose members include two sons, six grandchildren, and their canine companion, Sadie:

**Now, therefore, be it resolved** that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the health brought about in the renewed life of Bob Fink by Maxine's donation of her kidney and to convey to them our sincerest best wishes for a future filled with continued love, respect, and healing; and

**Be it further resolved** that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Maxine Fink, as a measure of our esteem for her.

Offered by \_\_\_\_\_  
Representative Brian Nieves  
District No. 98

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, Second Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 3912, adopted August 24, 2004.

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Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker